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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TSPA, JA

SUBJECT: JSS SPACE EXHIBIT

REF: A) TOKYO 13024; B) GENEVA 7249

1. IN MEETING AUGUST 25 DEPTOFFS FROM EA/J AND OES/APT/SA SHARED CONTENTS OF REFTEL A WITH OFFICIALS OF NASA AND NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM (NASM) AND DISCUSSED REFTEL PROPOSALS. RESULTS AS FOLLOWS:

A) REGARDING MOE DRAFT LETTER (REFTEL A, PARA 2), CONCERNED USG AGENCIES AGREE THAT THIS DRAFT CONSTITUTES AN ACCEPTABLE MODEL FOR REQUIRED LETTERS FROM THREE GOJ AGENCIES.

B) REGARDING EMBASSY'S PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM (REFTEL A, PARA 4), CONCERNED USG AGENCIES ALL ACCEPT CONFIDENTIAL

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ELEMENTS A AND D WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. REGARDING ELEMENT B, NASM POINTS OUT THAT SMITHSONIAN, AND THEREFORE NASM, IS DEFINITELY A USG AGENCY. NASM NONETHELESS AGREES TO BE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT WITH JSS, SINCE NASM HAS CONTROL OVER MOST ARTIFACTS LIKELY TO BE LOANED. REGARDING ELEMENT C, NASA AND NASM POINT OUT THAT MANY OF MATERIALS LIKELY TO BE LENDED CARRY NASA LOGO OR ARE

OTHERWISE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS USG PROPERTY, AND THEREFORE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO AVOID IMPLICATION THAT USG PLAYS SOME ROLE IN EXHIBITION. NASA AND NASM NONETHELESS AGREE WITH INTENT OF ELEMENT C AND SUGGEST AS PRECONDITION FOR SHIPMENT OF MATERIALS THAT JSS BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT REVISED LIST OF SPONSORS AND PARTICIPANTS BEARING NAMES OF NO USG AGENCIES.

- 2. IN RELATED ACTION, ON AUGUST 24 DEPTOFF MET JSS REPRESENTATIVE SHINOTA AT SHINOTA'S REQUEST AND SPENT CORDIAL ONE AND HALF HOURS DISCUSSING JSS EXHIBIT PLANS IN GENERAL. DEPTOFF GAVE SHINOTA NO ENCOURAGEMENT, BUT LEARNED THAT JSS WILLING TO SPEND \$10-18 MILLION ON THIS EXHIBIT AND THAT JSS EXPECTS REQUIRED THREE LETTERS WILL BE SIGNED BY SEPTEMBER 15. SHINOTA GRANTED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET LETTER FROM STA OR NASDA TO NASA, BUT HE DID NOT GIVE ANY INSIGHTS AS TO REASON FOR SDA RELUCTANCE. SHINOTA DID NOT PRESS DEPTOFF FOR EXPLANATIONS OR COMMITMENTS, BUT SIMPLY EXPLAINED JSS PLANS FOR EXHIBIT.
- 3. IN RELATED MATTER OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO EMBASSY, DEPT NOTES THAT REFTEL B DESCRIBES PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTION BY ANOTHER SASAGAWA ORGANIZATION.

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- 4. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED USIA OF BACKGROUND OF THIS PROPOSED EXHIBITION. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEW AS TO WHAT ROLE USIS MIGHT PLAY AS PLANS FOR EXHIBIT PROGRESS.
- 5. CONCERNED USG AGENCIES THUS APPROVE PLAN FOR RESOLU-TION AS EXPLAINED IN REFTEL A PROVIDED EMBASSY CAN ACCEPT TWO REFINEMENTS PROPOSED IN PARA 2. PLEASE ADVISE. CHRISTOPHER

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